Extracting large-x structure functions (and LHC connections)

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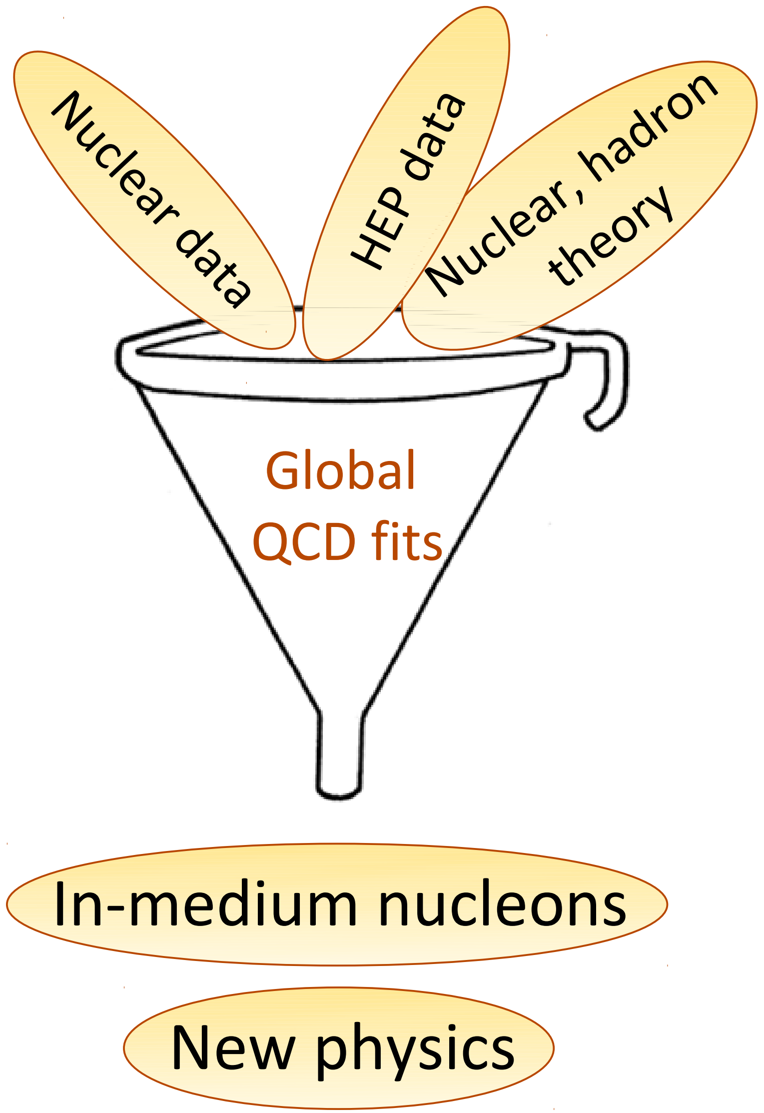
“The coherence provided by QCD means that insights [into hadron structure] may arise from unexpected quarters.

It is more than ever advisable to take a broad view that integrates across hadronic physics, and to connect with the rest of subatomic physics.”

C. Quigg, 2011

“The Future of Hadrons: The Nexus of Subatomic Physics”
Talk at “Hadron 2011”, arXiv:1109.5814

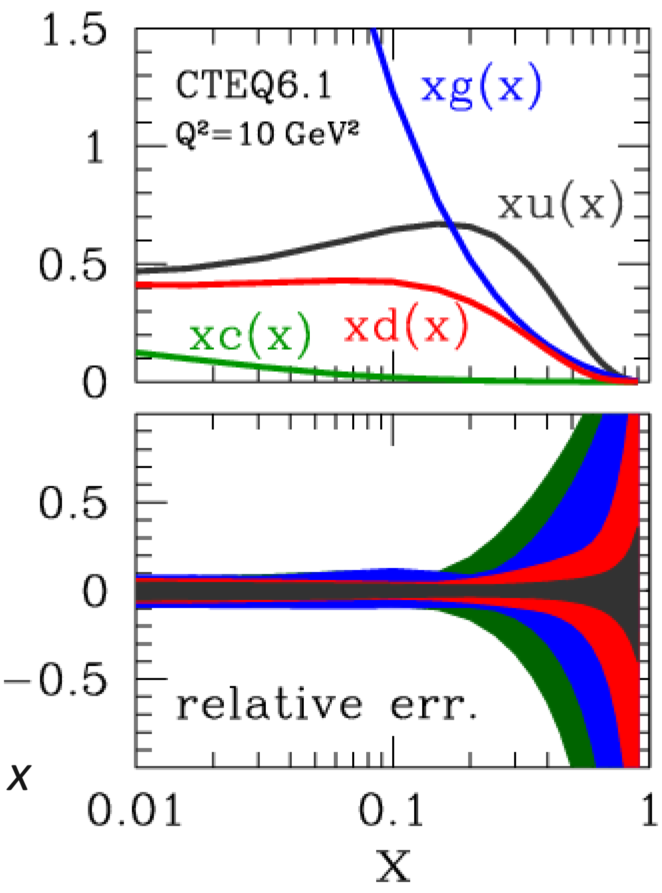


Nuclear data
HEP data
Nuclear, hadron theory
Global QCD fits
In-medium nucleons
New physics

Why large x ?

- Large (experimental) uncertainties in Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs)

- Precise PDFs at large x are needed, *e.g.*,
  - Non-perturbative nucleon structure:
    - d/u, $\Delta u/u$, $\Delta d/d$ at $x \to 1$
  - at LHC, Tevatron
    - New physics as excess on QCD large p_T spectra $\Leftrightarrow$ large x PDF
    - Forward physics
  - At RHIC:
    - Spin structure of the nucleon at small *x*
  - Neutrino oscillations, …



Valence quarks at large *x*

- At large *x*, valence *u* and *d* extracted from *p* and *n* DIS structure functions

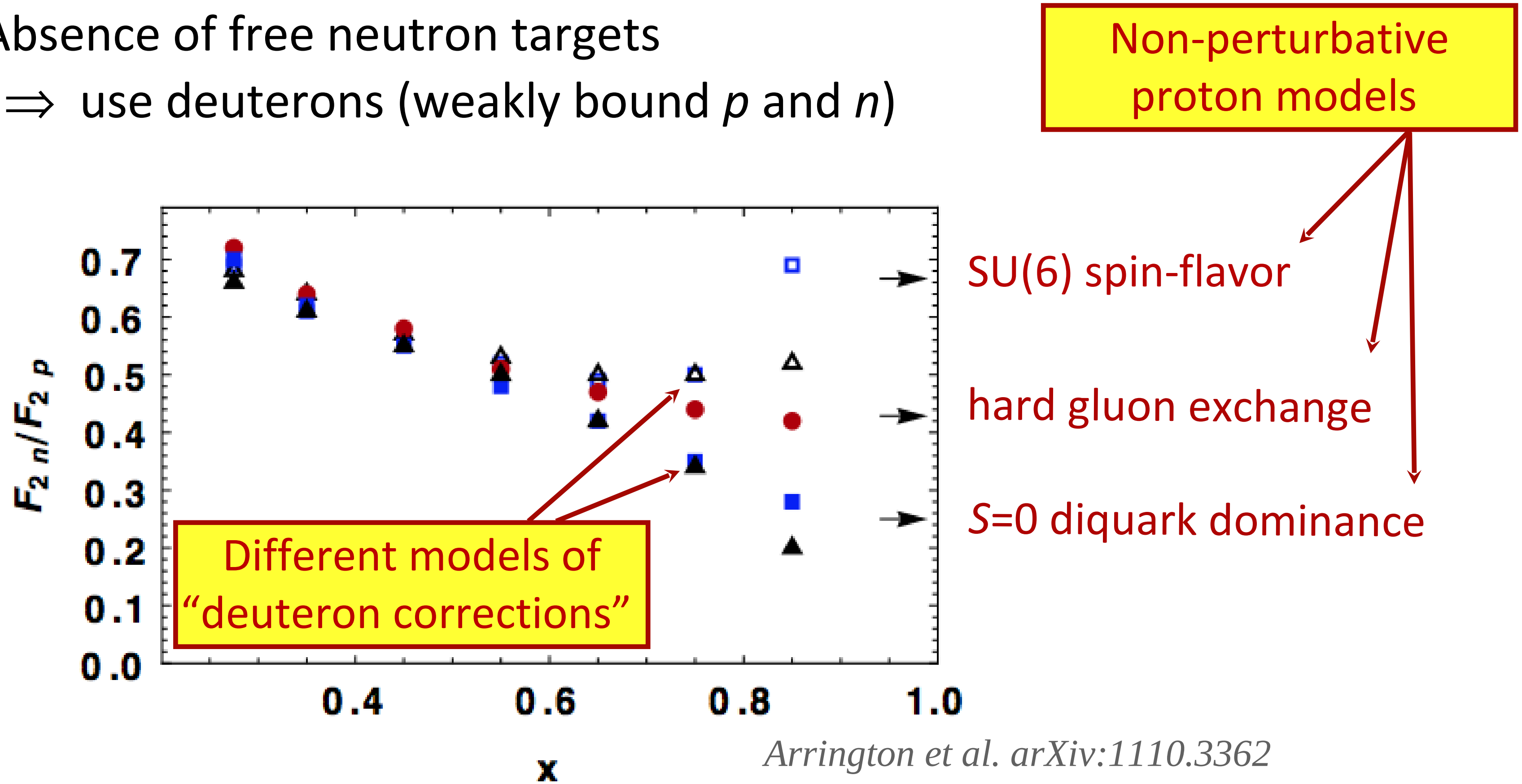
$$F_2^p \approx \frac{4}{9} u_v + \frac{1}{9} d_v$$
$$F_2^n \approx \frac{1}{9} u_v + \frac{4}{9} d_v$$

  - *u* quark distribution well determined from proton data
  - *d* quark distribution requires neutron structure function

$$\frac{d}{u} \approx \frac{4 - F_2^n/F_2^p}{4F_2^n/F_2^p - 1}$$

But… deuteron corrections!

- Absence of free neutron targets
  - ⇒ use deuterons (weakly bound *p* and *n*)



Arrington et al. arXiv:1110.3362

- Deuteron model dependence obscures free neutron at large *x*
  - We will see quantitatively how much

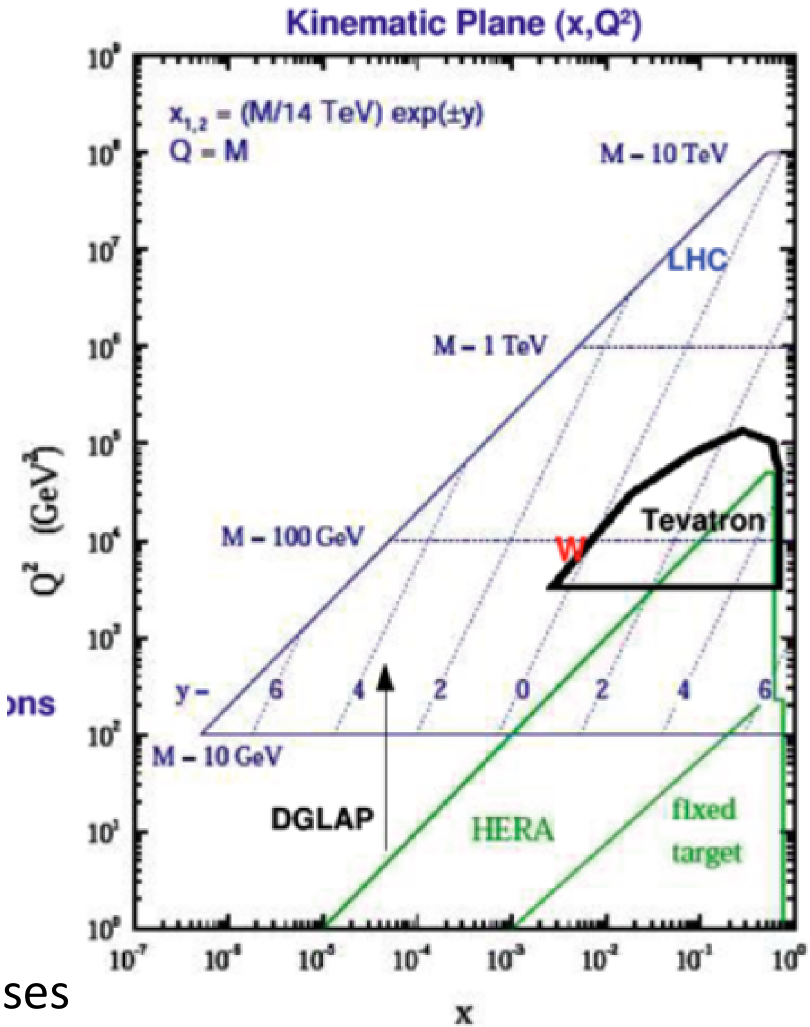
Large x at colliders - new physics searches

- Remember, $x = \dfrac{M}{\sqrt{s}} e^{y}$

- Examples:

  - Z' production $M_Z' \gtrsim 1\ \mathrm{TeV}$
  - Higgs at forward rapidity: $y > 2$

$$x > 0.1\ (\mathrm{LHC})$$
$$x > 0.5\ (\mathrm{Tevatron})$$



- Precise large-x PDFs needed to:
  - reduce QCD background
  - optimize searches involving large masses
  - precisely characterize new particle properties

The CTEQ-JLab fits

The CTEQ-JLab collaboration

- **Collaborators:**
  - A.Accardi, E.Christy, C.Keppel, W.Melnitchouk, P.Monaghan, J.Owens (J.Morfín, L.Zhu)

- **Goals:**
  - Global QCD fits of unpolarized PDFs focused on large x
  - Improve the PDF experimental precision (“PDF errors”) by enlarging the fitted data set
  - Include all relevant large-x / small-Q^2 theory corrections
  - ***Quantitatively evaluate theoretical systematic errors***
  - ***Use PDFs as tools for nuclear and particle physics***

- **Papers:**
  - A.Accardi et al., Phys.Rev.D81 (2010) 034016 **“CJ10”**
  - A.Accardi et al., Phys.Rev.D84 (2011) 014008 **“CJ11”**

Global QCD fits of Parton Distribution Functions

data

- DIS: p, d
- p+p(pbar) $\rightarrow l^+l^-$, $W^\pm$
- p+p(pbar) $\rightarrow$ jets, γ+jet

theory

- pQCD at NLO
- Factorization & universality
- Large-x, low-Q^2, nuclear corr.

fits

- Parametrize PDF at Q_0 , evolve to Q
- Minimize χ^2

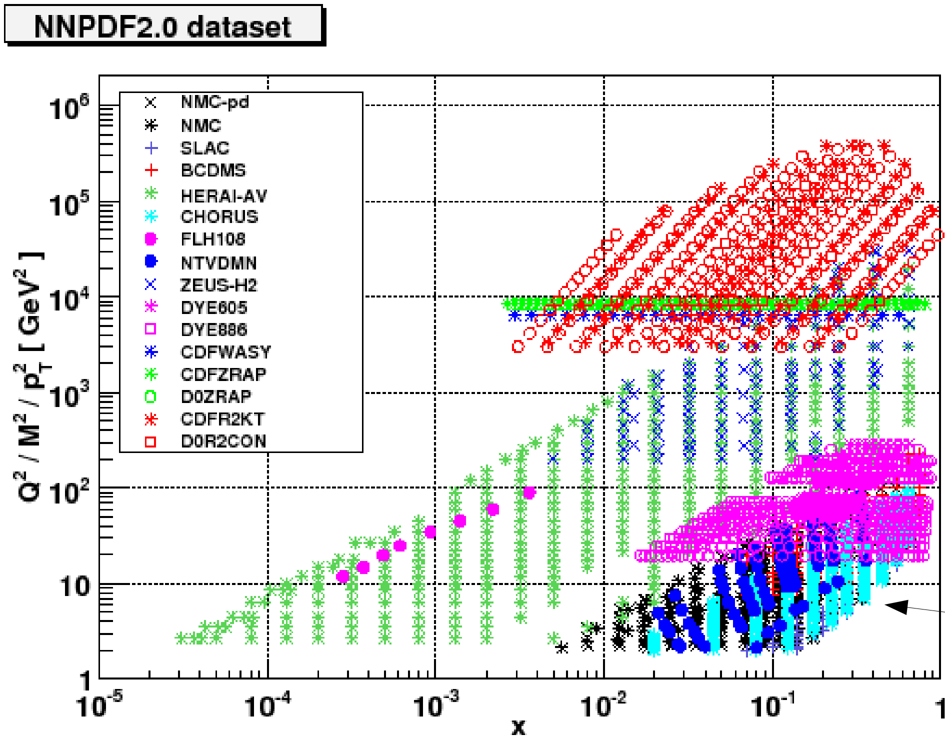
PDFs

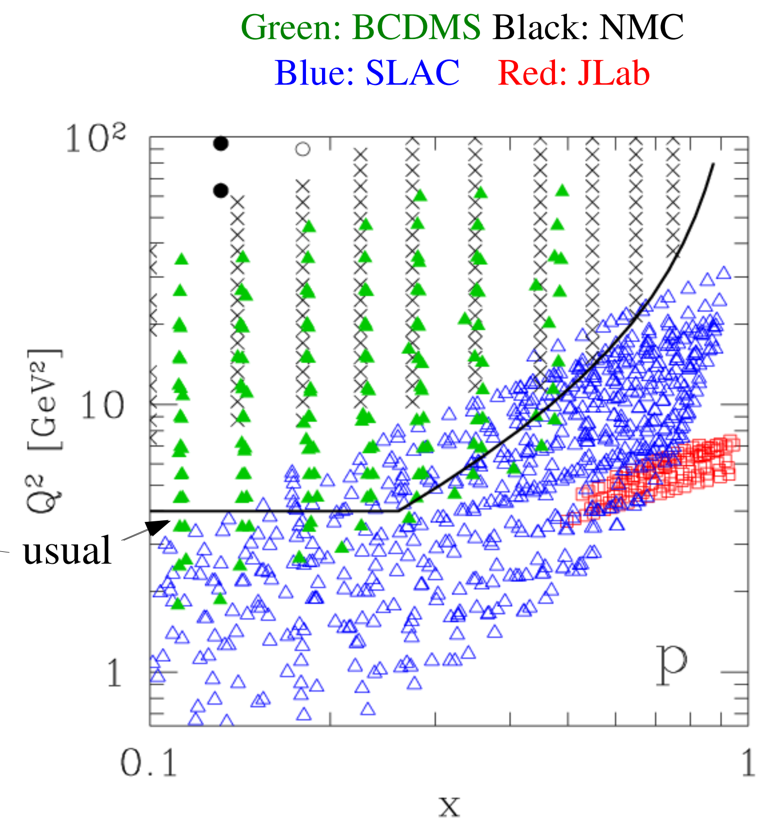
F_2(n)

W, Z / W',Z', Higgs

(or any other “hard” observable)

Large-x, small-Q^2 corrections





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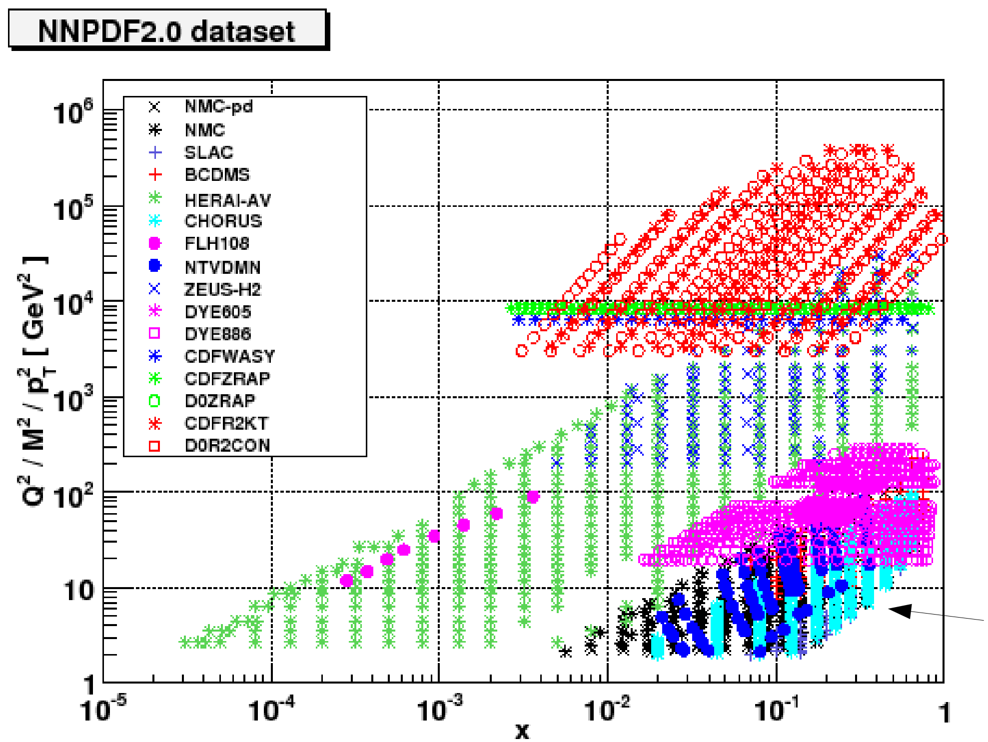

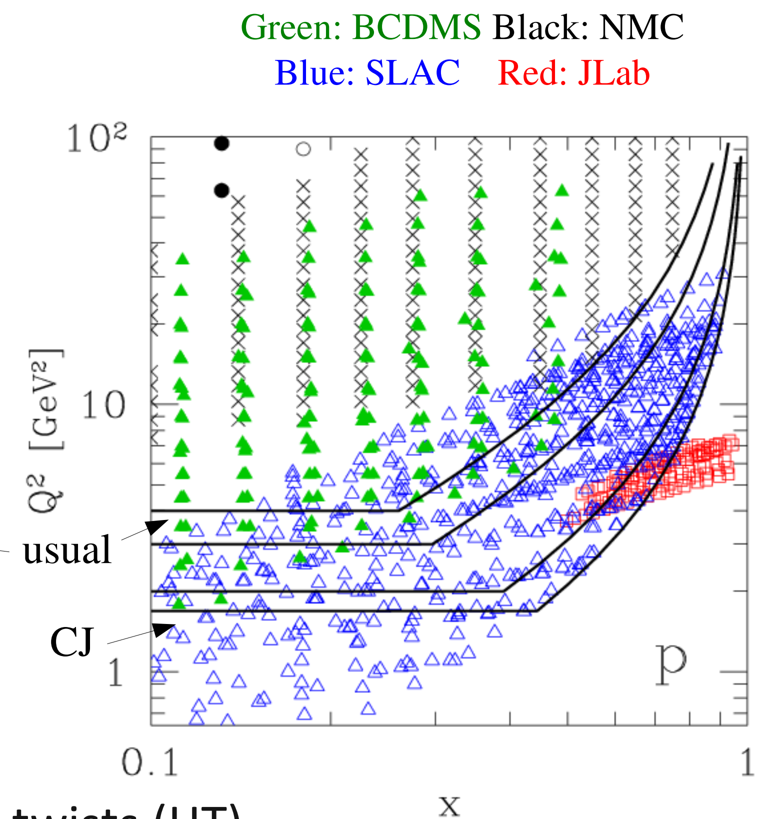

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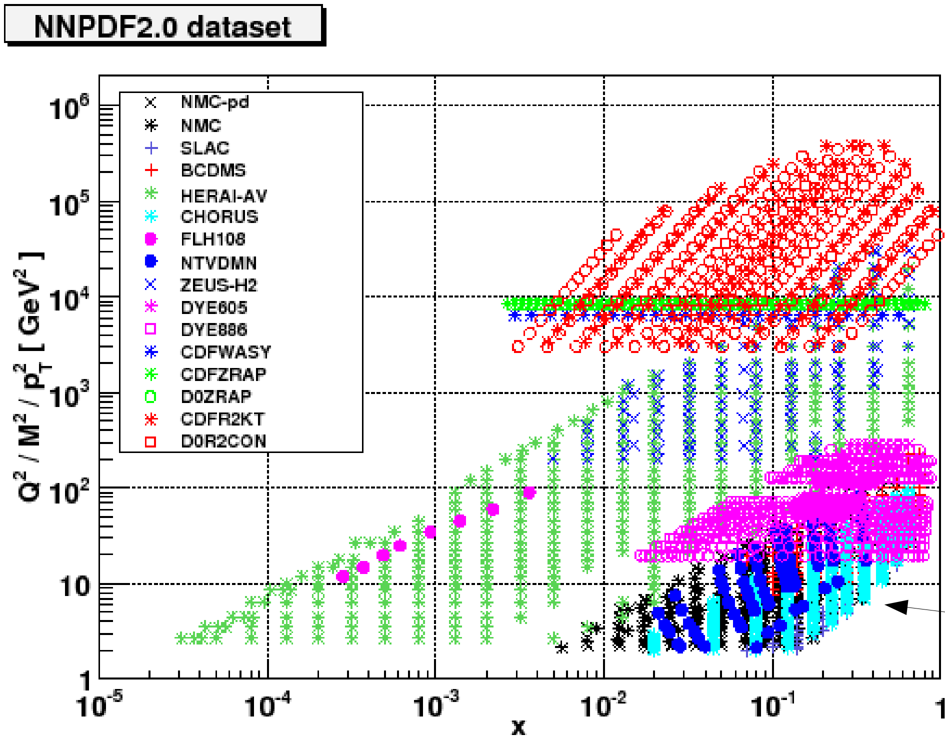

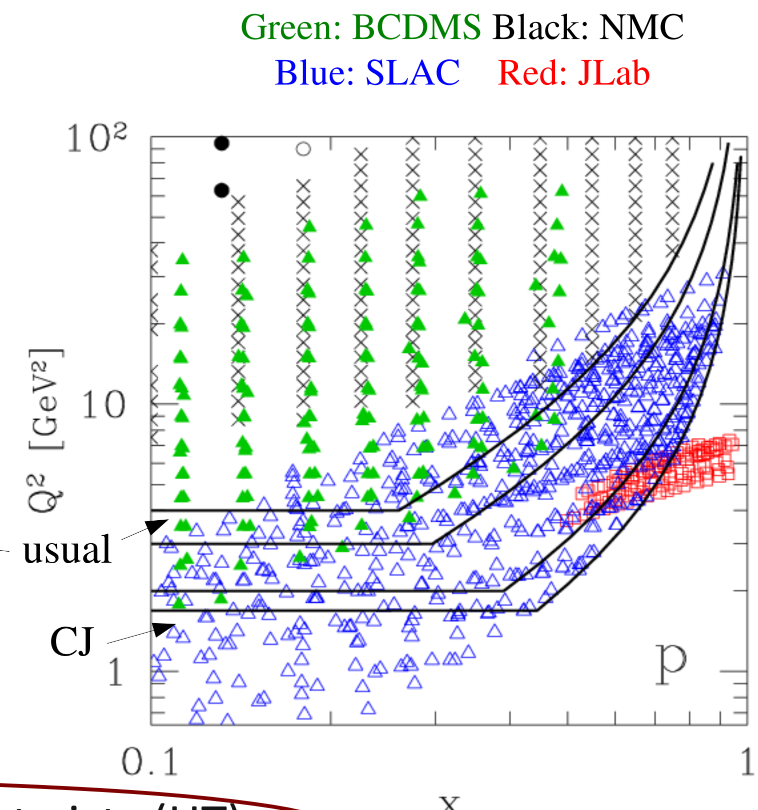

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- **New *d*-quark parametrization**
  - Dramatic increase in *d* PDF in $x \to 1$ limit

- **Large sensitivity to nuclear model**

...but large theoretical uncertainties (CJ11)

Nuclear corrections - theoretical uncertainty

$$F_{2d}(x_B, Q^2) = \int_{x_B}^{A} dy\, \mathcal{S}_A(y,\gamma) F_2^{TMC+HT}(x_B/y, Q^2) \left(1 + \frac{\delta^{off} F_2(x)}{F_2(x)}\right)$$

Free nucleon str.fn.

"Smearing function"

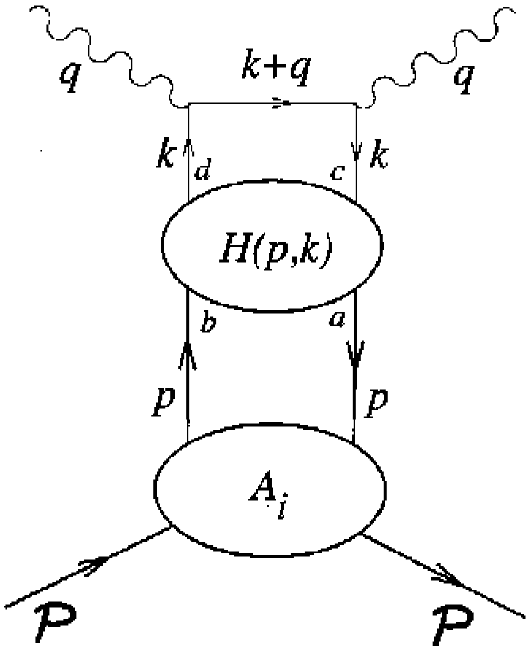
Calculated from nuclear wave-function:

- CD-Bonn
- AV18

non-relativistic

- WJC-2
- WJC-1

relativistic



Off-shell correction

Models (little theory guidance):

- Melnitchouk & C. (MST)
- Kulagin-Petti (KP) fits of *A*/*d* ratios
- modified KP model

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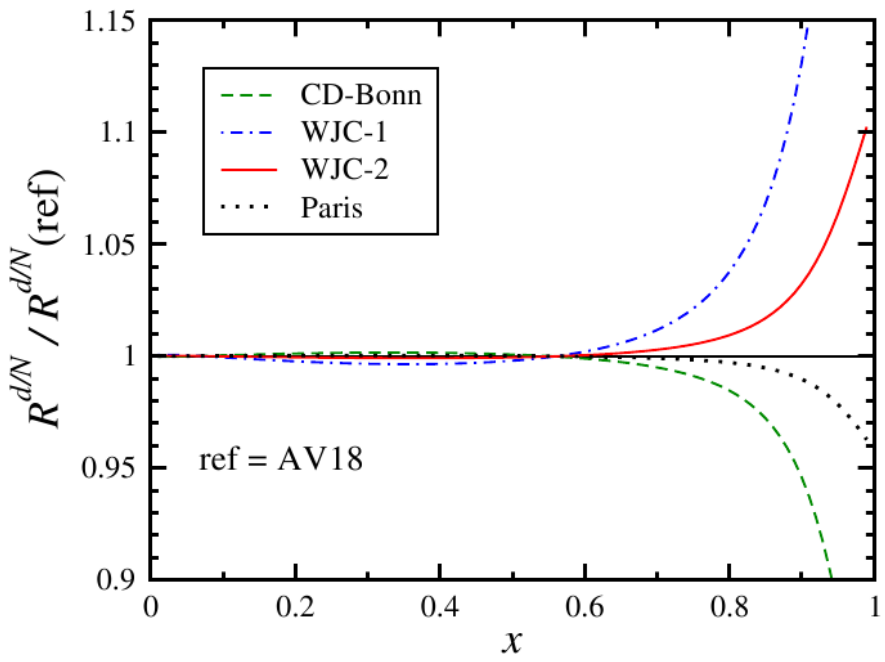

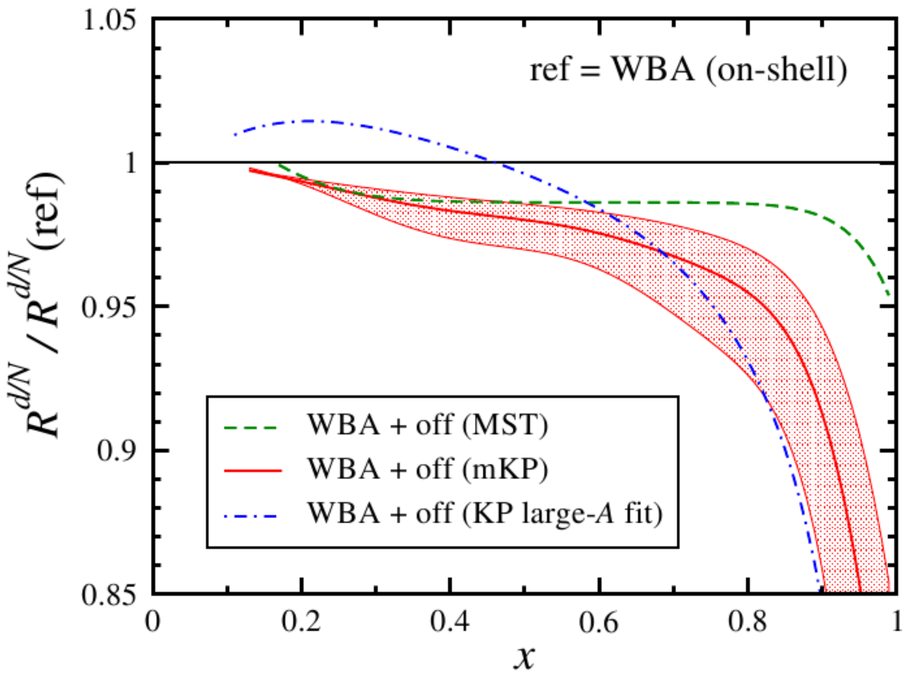

CJ fits: effect of *d*-quark parametrization

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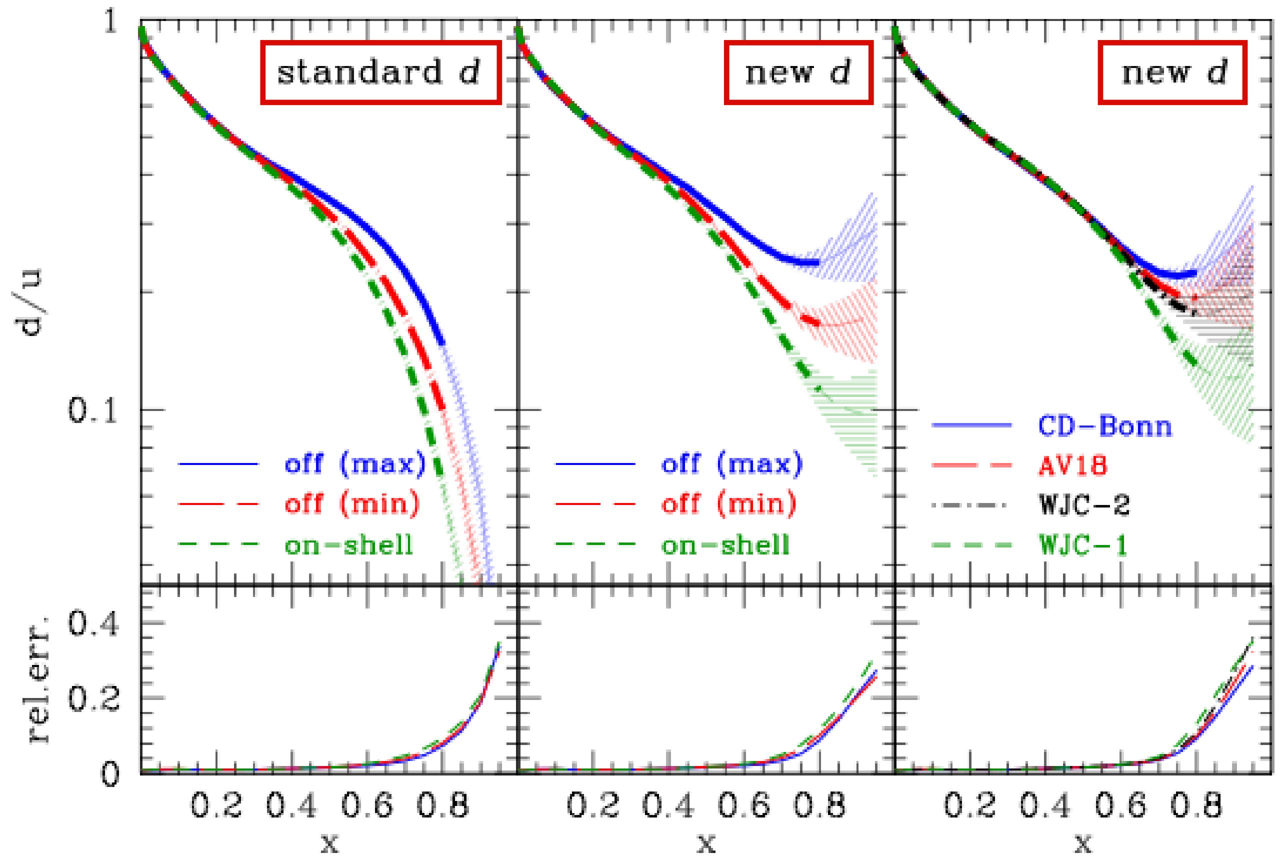

- Dramatic increase in *d* PDF in x ⟶ 1 limit with more flexible parametrization

$$d'(x) = d(x) + \alpha x^{\beta} u(x)$$

CJ fits: nuclear model systematic error

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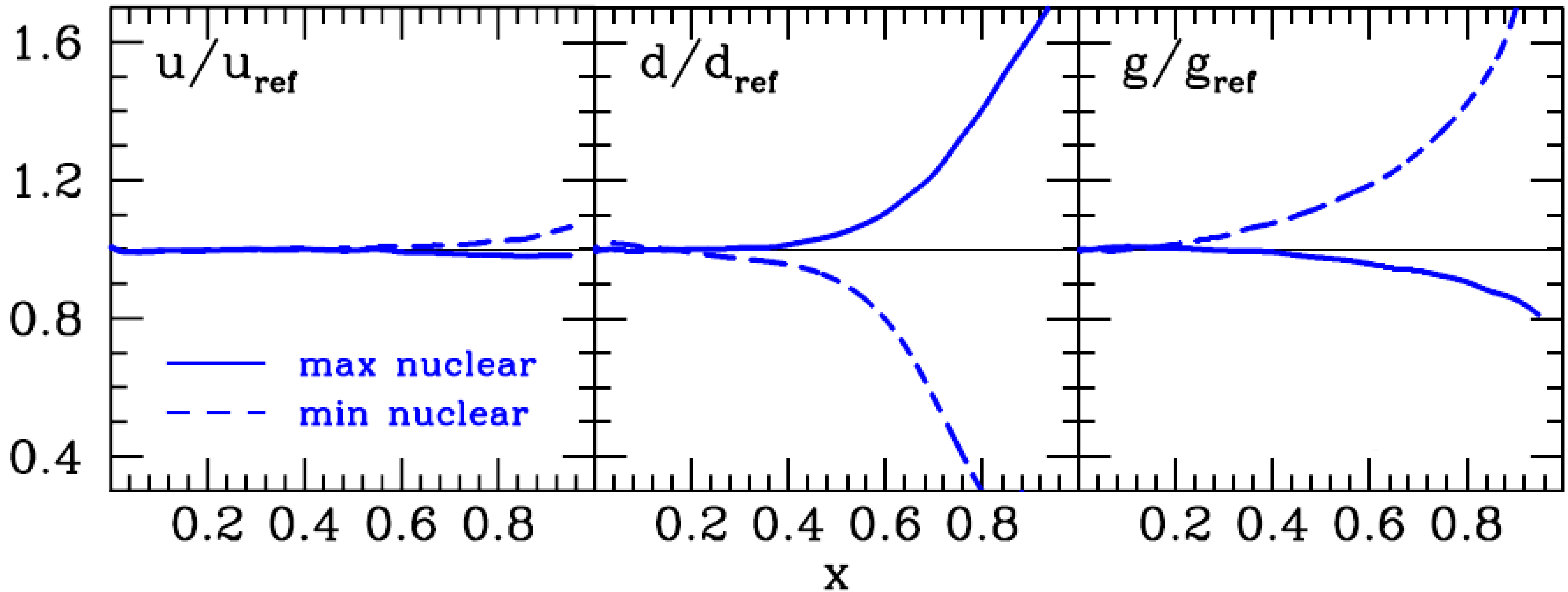

- **Large sensitivity to nuclear corrections model**
  - *d-quarks*: directly, due to corrections applied to $F_2(d)$
  - *gluons:* due to correlations induced by jet data

Application:
The *d*/*u* ratio at $x \to 1$

PDF fitting and neutron $F_2(n)$

data

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PDFs

Extrapolate d/u to x → 1
Extract $F_2(n)$ from data

The CTEQ-JLab *d/u*

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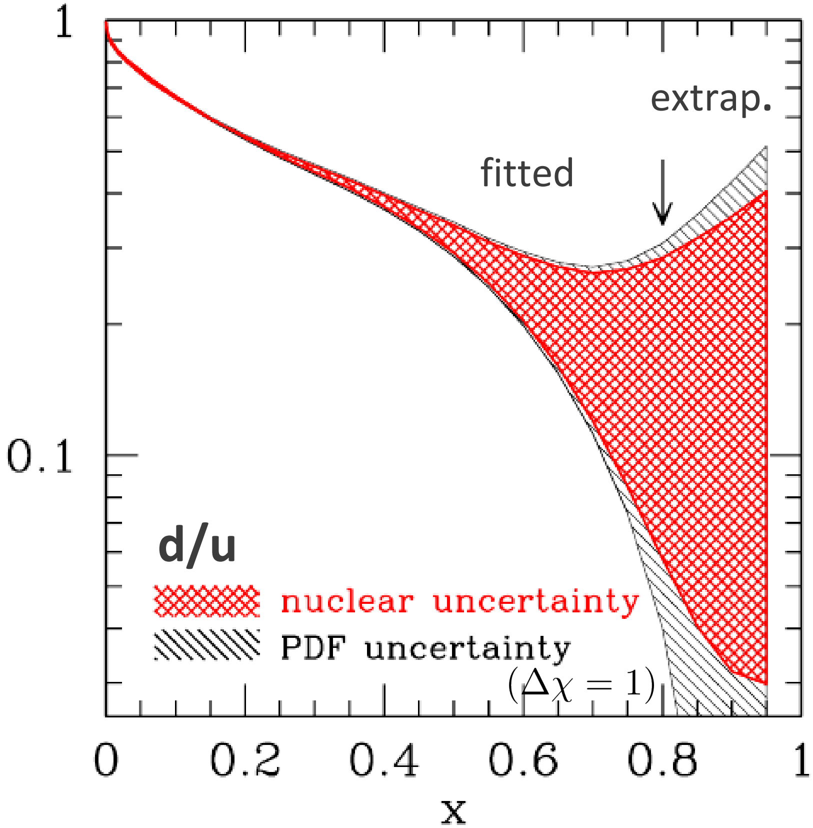

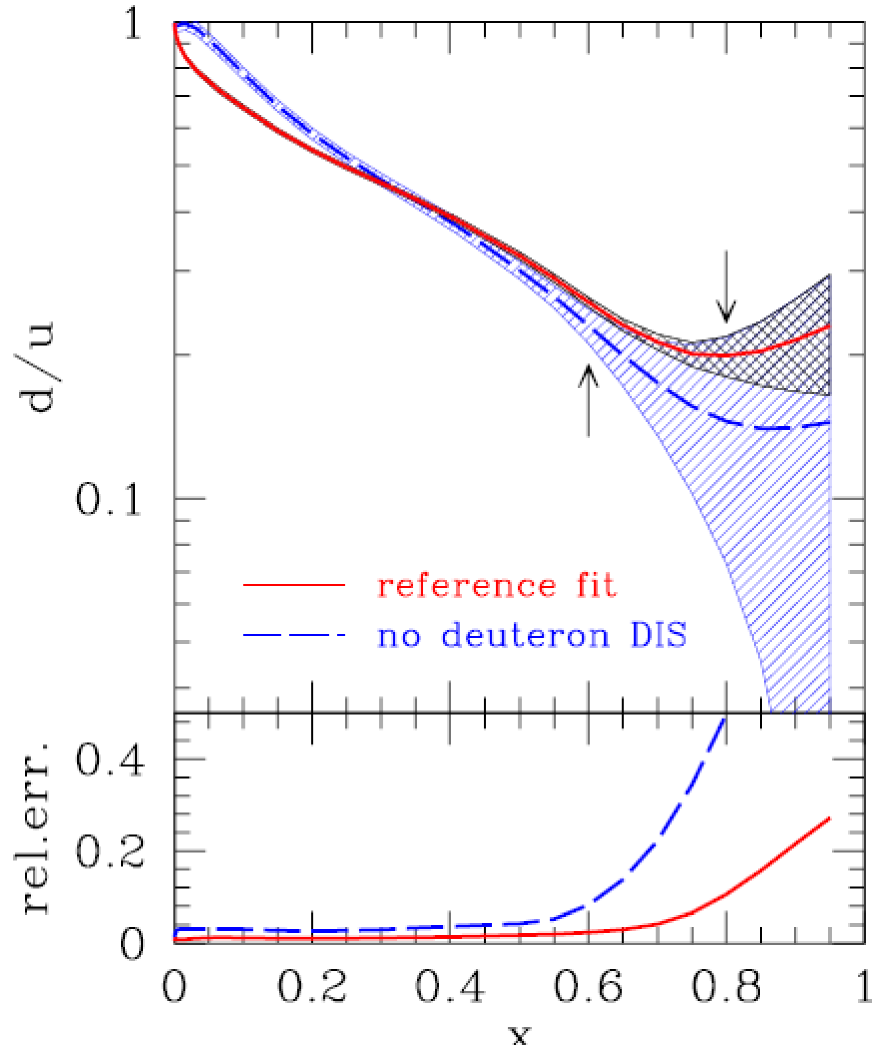

- Nuclear uncertainty eats away improved statistics from low-W^2 data

The CTEQ-JLab $F_2(n)$ / $F_2(p)$

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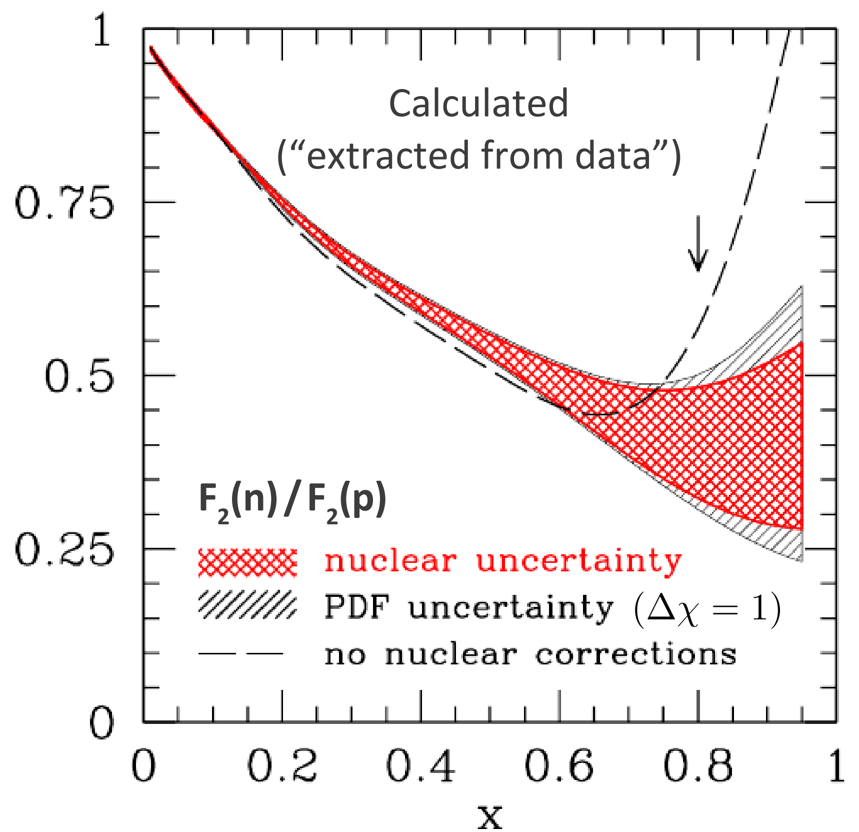


- Well behaved extrapolation for each nuclear model
  - however, beware of PDF "parametrization bias"

- But: **large nuclear uncertainty** (covers all theory predictions)

Constraining nuclear corrections

Need data to constrain nuclear corrctions!

- **Data minimally sensitive to nuclear corrections**
  - DIS with slow spectator proton (BONUS, BONUS12)
    - Quasi-free neutrons
  - DIS with fast spectator (DeepX)
    - Off-shell neutrons – but large, poorly controlled FSI
  - ^{3}He/^{3}H ratios (MARATHON)

JLab

- **Data on free (anti)protons, sensitive to *d* or *g***
  - *e+p*: F_L , parity-violating DIS **JLab , HERA** *(e$^+$+p vs. e$^-$+p)*
  - $\nu+p$, $\bar{\nu}+p$ **Minerva ???**
  - *p+p*, $p+\bar{p}$ at large positive rapidity
    - *W* charge asymmetry, *Z* rapidity distribution

Tevatron, LHC

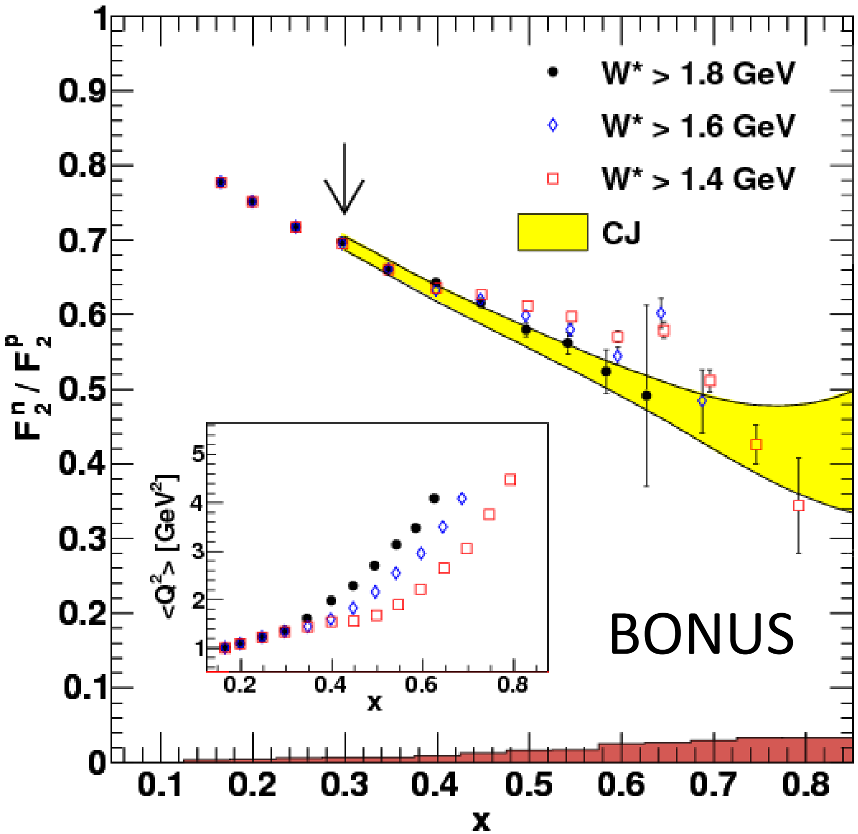
RHIC ??

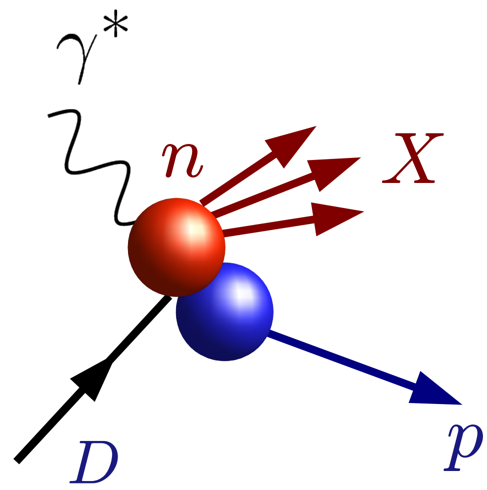
- **Cross-talk data**
  - *p+d* at large negative rapidity – dileptons; maybe *W*, *Z* ?
    - Sensitive to nuclear corrections, cross-checks *e+d*

RHIC ??

Quasi-free neutrons from BONUS

N.Baillie et al., arXiv:1110.2770

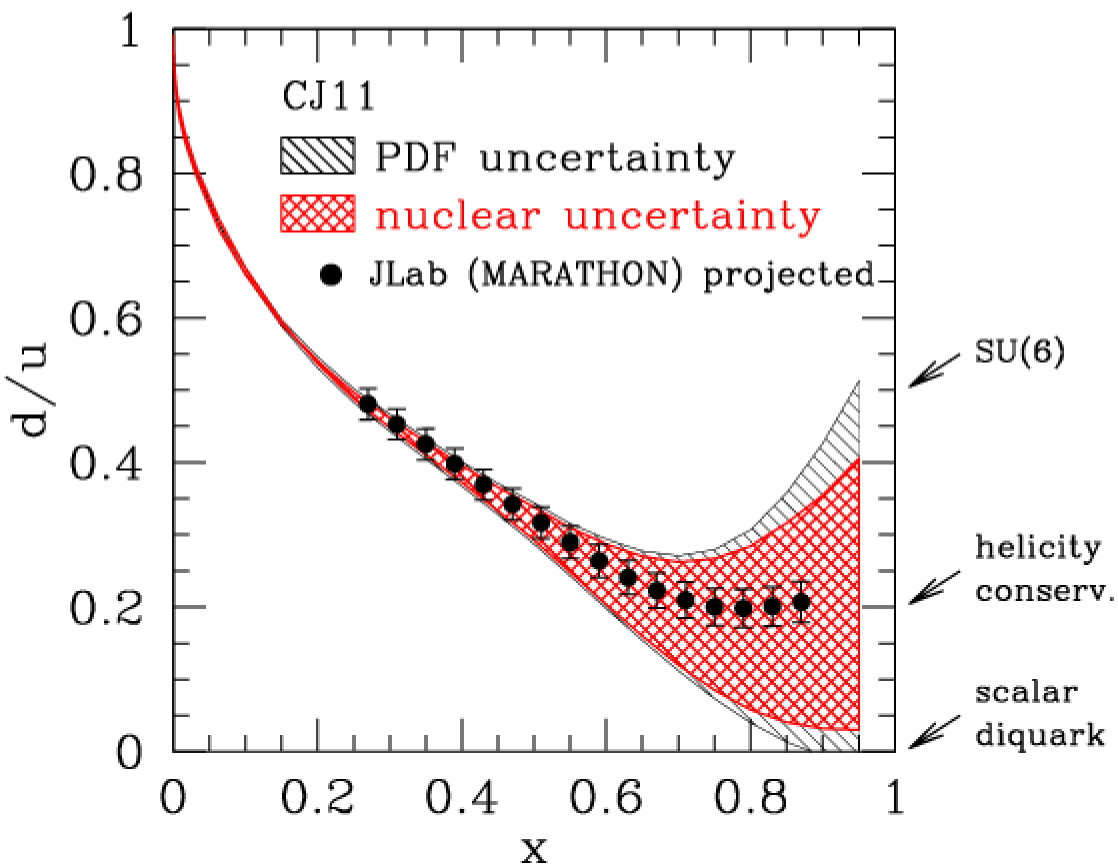


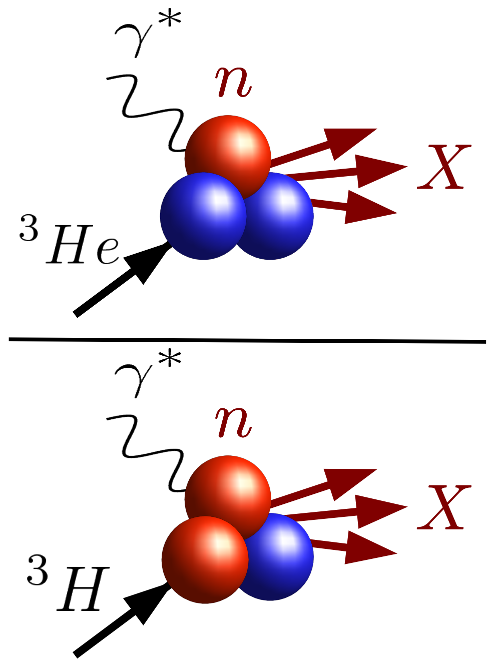


- DIS data (black disks) too uncertain at $x > 0.5$
  - Need to wait for BONUS12 / MARATHON

Quasi-free neutrons from MARATHON

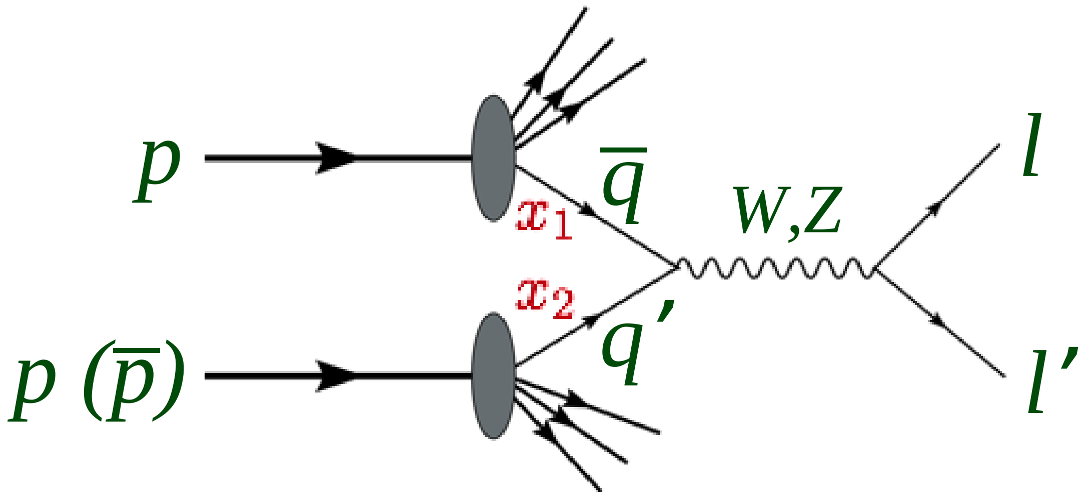
Approved JLAB12 experiment





- Nuclear corrections largely cancel in the ratio fo 3He/3H cross sections

W,Z production



- Example: W and decay lepton charge asymmetry at large rapidity

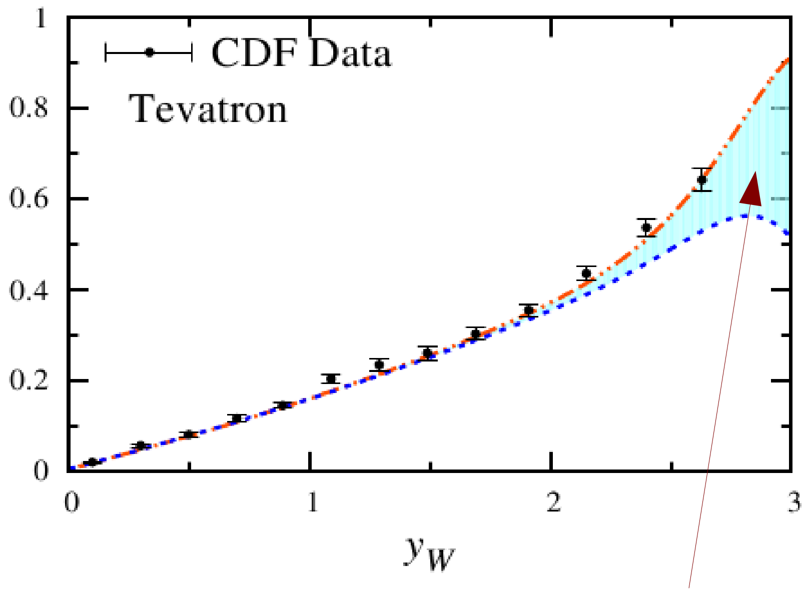
$$A_W(y) = \frac{\sigma_(W^+) - \sigma_(W^-)}{\sigma_(W^+) + \sigma_(W^-)} \approx \frac{d/u(x_2) - d/u(x_1)}{d/u(x_2) + d/u(x_1)} \qquad [x_1 \gg x_2]$$

$$A_l(y) = A_W \otimes B_{W\to l}(y)$$

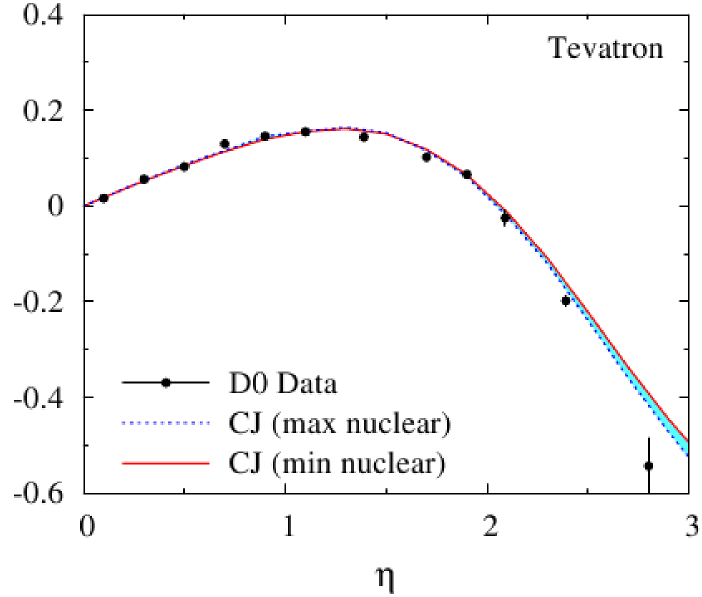
W charge asymmetry at Tevatron

Brady, Accardi, Melnitchouk, Owens, arXiv:1110.5398, JHEP

Directly reconstructed W:
- highest sensitivity to large *x*



From decay lepton W → l+ν:
- smearing in *x*



sensitive to *d* at high *x*

Can constrain Nuclear models!

- Too little large-*x* sensitivity in lepton asymmetry:
  - **need reconstructed *W***

W charge asymmetry at LHC

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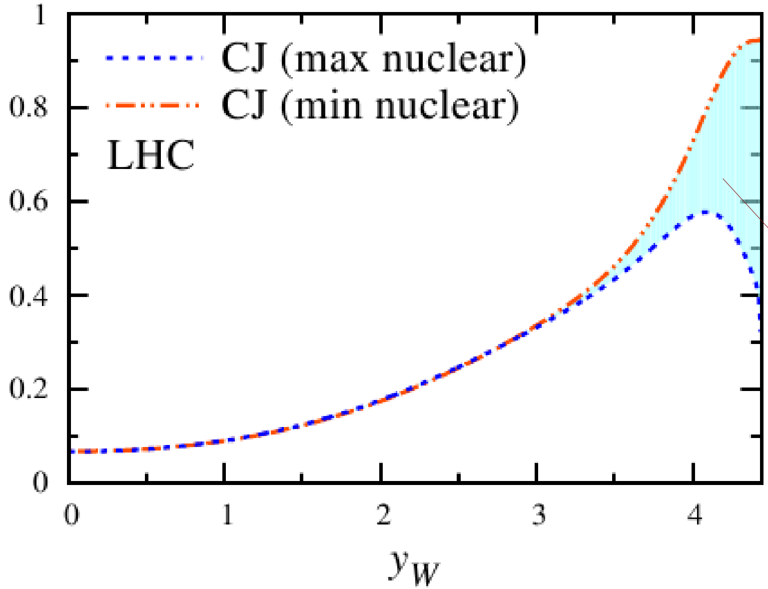

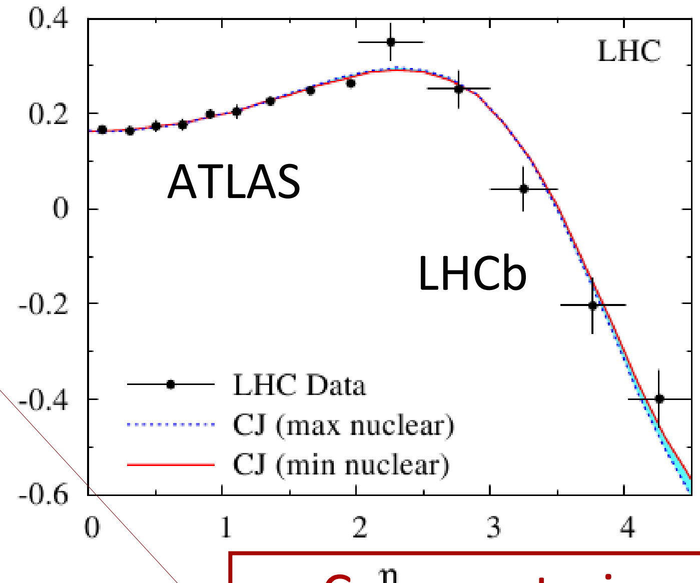

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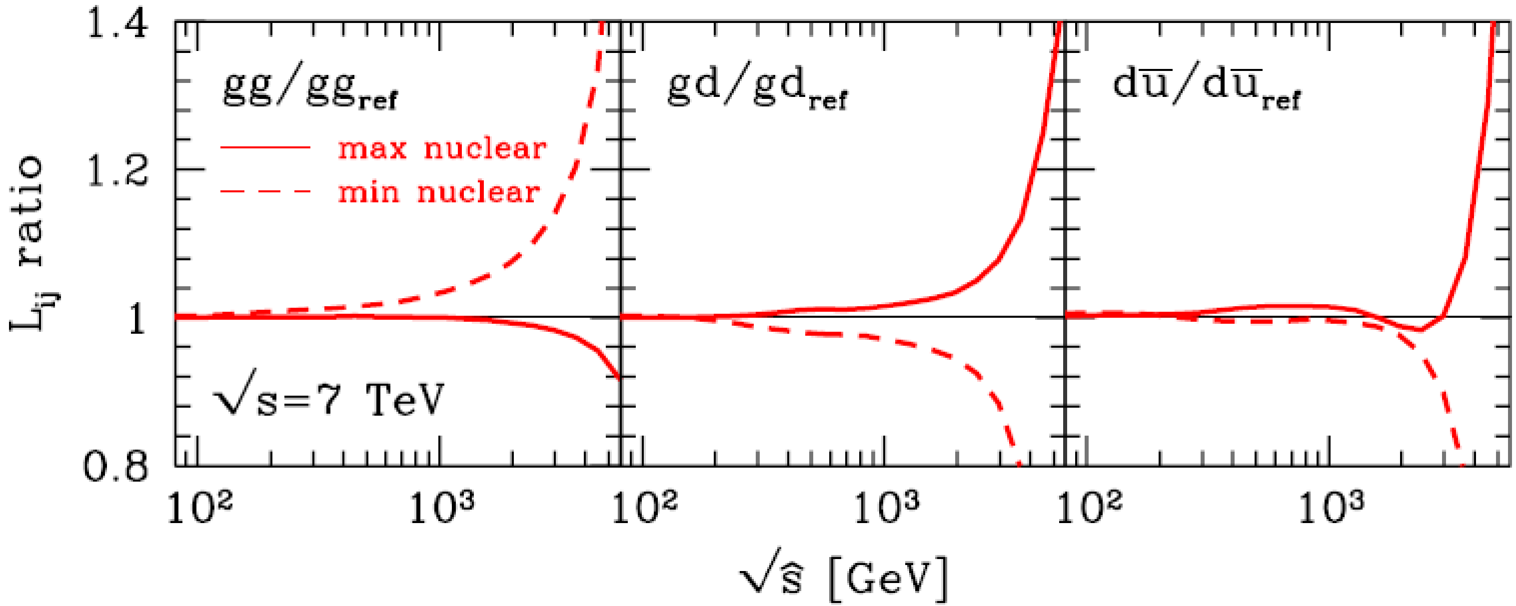
- **Would be nice to reconstruct *W* at LHCb**
  - Needs more statistics
  - Systematics in *W* reconstruction?
  - Is it at all possible?? (too many holes in detector)

Parton luminosity at colliders

*Accardi et al. PRD **84**, 014008 (2011)*

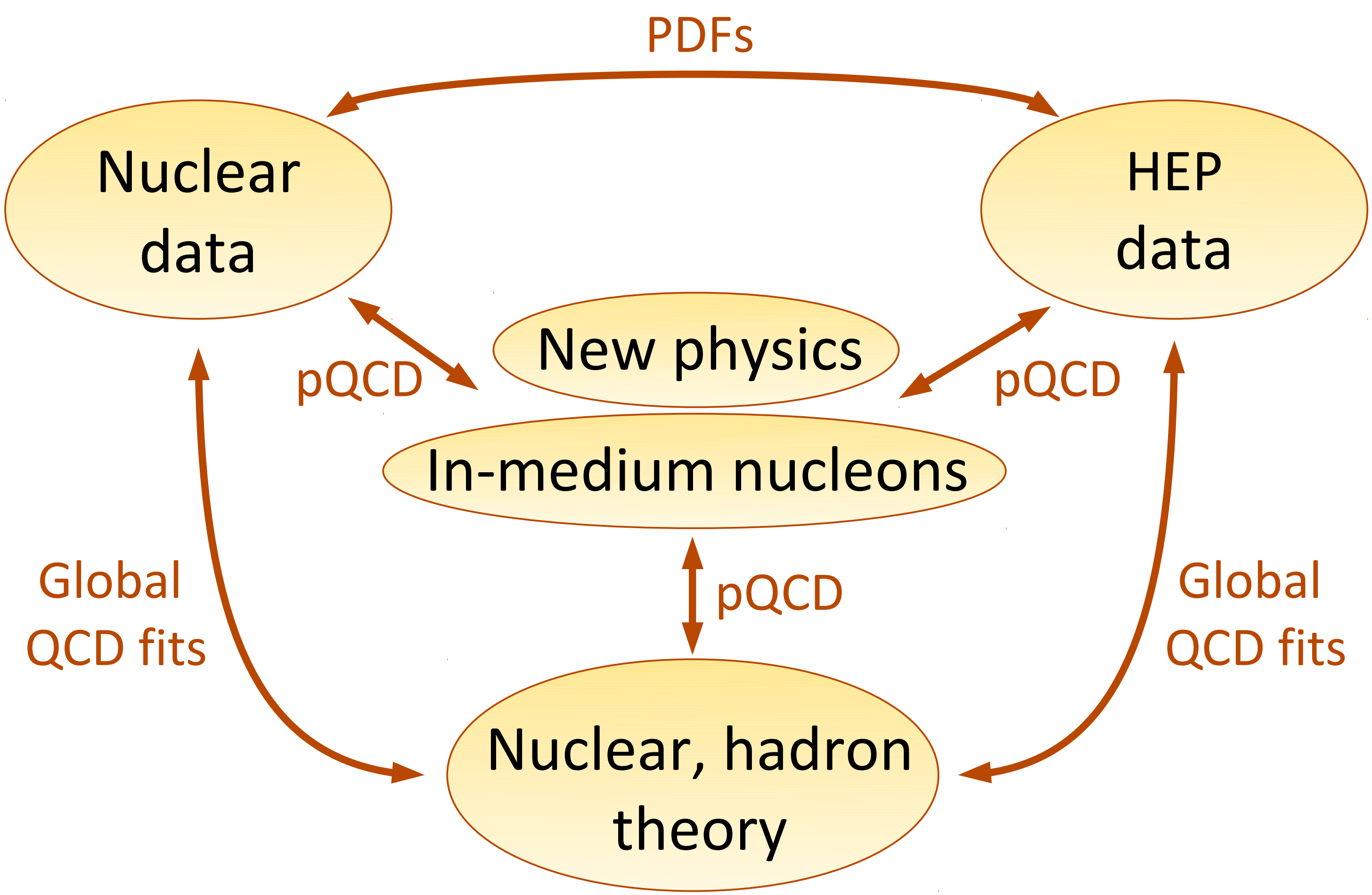
- Large-*x* PDF uncertainties affect total cross sections for objects of large mass $\hat{s} = (p_1 + p_2)^2 = x_1 x_2 s$ (or large rapidity $x_{1,2} = \sqrt{\hat{s}/s}\, e^{\pm y}$)

$$L_{ij} = \frac{1}{s(1+\delta_{ij})} \left[\int_{\hat{s}/s}^{1} \frac{dx}{x} f_i(x,\hat{s})\, f_j\left(\frac{\hat{s}}{xs}, \hat{s}\right) + (i \leftrightarrow j) \right]$$



Summary

- Ongoing CTEQ-JLab global fits attacking large-*x* PDFs:
  - integrate across hadronic physics, connect with rest of subatomic physics



Plans

- **In preparation / near future**
  - Fits with latest data (HERA, large-x DIS cross sections, LHC @ 7 TeV)
  - Correlated errors where available; tensions between data sets
  - Public release of PDF + error sets (and accompanying sfw)
  - LHC / RHIC phenomenology; will be ready for JLab 12 GeV, E906, ...

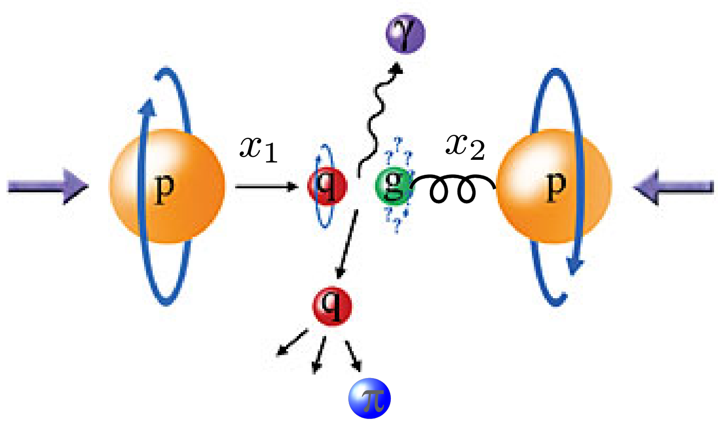
- **Longer term**
  - F_L / σ data on deuterium (large-*x* gluons); heavy quarks
  - large-*x* resummation, jet mass corrections, quark-hadron duality
  - better off-shell corrections, extend to gluons

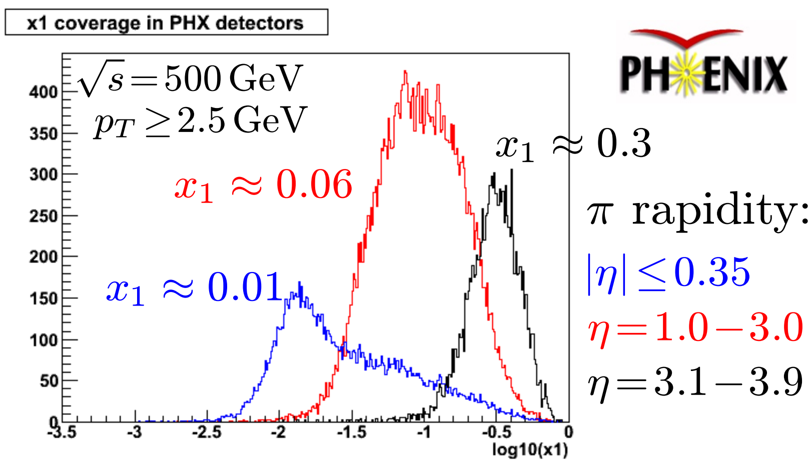
Backup slides

Small x gluons at colliders: hadronic structure

- Gluon spin at small *x* at RHIC requires particle production at large *y*

$$\sigma(\vec{p}\vec{p} \to \pi^0 X) \propto \Delta q(x_1)\Delta g(x_2)\hat{\sigma}^{qg\to qg} D_q^{\pi^0}(z)$$





$$x_1 \sim \frac{p_T}{\sqrt{s}} e^{y} \qquad x_2 \sim \frac{p_T}{\sqrt{s}} e^{-y}$$

- Precise large-*x* PDFs needed:
  - to measure smallest-*x* gluon helicity

Valence quarks at large *x*

- *d/u* quark ratio particularly sensitive to quark dynamics in nucleon

- **SU(6) spin-flavor symmetry**
  - proton wave function

$$p^\uparrow = -\frac{1}{3} d^\uparrow (uu)_1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} d^\downarrow (uu)_1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{6} u^\uparrow (ud)_1 - \frac{1}{3} u^\downarrow (ud)_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} u^\uparrow (ud)_0$$

interacting quark

diquark spin

spectator diquark

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  - 50% $(qq)_1$ 50% $(qq)_0$, $u = 2d$ at all x

$$\frac{d}{u} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \frac{F_2^n}{F_2^p} = \frac{2}{3}$$

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- **Broken SU(6) : scalar diquark dominance**
  - $M_\Delta > M_N \Rightarrow (qq)_1$ has larger energy than $(qq)_0$
  - But only *u* quark couples to scalar diquark:

$$\frac{d}{u} \to 0 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \frac{F_2^n}{F_2^p} \to \frac{1}{4}$$

Feynman 1972, Close 1973
Close/Thomas 1988

- **Broken SU(6) : hard gluon exchange**
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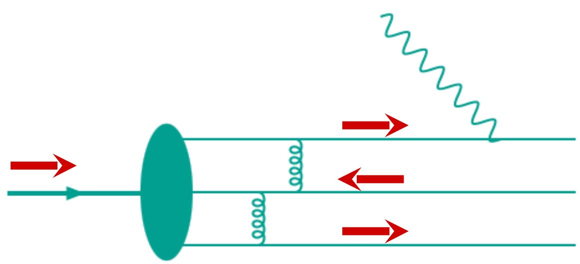

$$q^\uparrow \gg q^\downarrow$$

$$\frac{d}{u} \to \frac{1}{5} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \frac{F_2^n}{F_2^p} \to \frac{3}{7}$$

Farrar, Jackson, 1975

The mKP off-shell nucleon model

Accardi et al. PRD ***84****, 014008 (2011)*

- Nucleon at large x = valence quark + spectator diquark

$$q_v(x,p^2) = \int ds \int_{-\infty}^{k^2_{\max}} dk^2\, D_{q/N}(s,k^2,x,p^2)$$

Nucleon virtuality

diquark
inv. mass squared

Quark virtuality

  – Quark spectral function, with spectator diquark

$$D_{q/N} \approx \delta(s-s_0)\,\Phi(k^2,\Lambda(p^2))$$

[s_0 = 2.1 GeV^2 from fits]

Cutoff scale

  – Physical interpretation: nucleon size changes with p^2: $R_N \sim 1/\Lambda$

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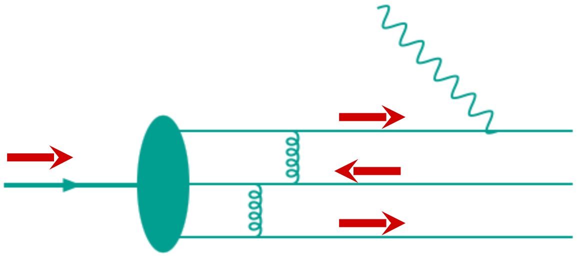


$$q^\uparrow \gg q^\downarrow$$

$$\frac{d}{u} \to \frac{1}{5} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \frac{F_2^n}{F_2^p} \to \frac{3}{7}$$

Farrar, Jackson, 1975

The mKP off-shell nucleon model

*Accardi et al. PRD **84**, 014008 (2011)*

- Expand $F_2(N)$ to first order in virtuality:

$$F_2^N(x, Q^2, p^2) \;=\; F_2^N(x, Q^2)\left(1 + \delta f_2(x, Q^2)\,\frac{p^2 - M^2}{M^2}\right)$$

- In the mKP model

$$\delta f_2 \;=\; c + \frac{\partial \log q_v}{\partial x}\; x(1-x)\frac{(1-\lambda)(1-x)M^2 + \lambda s_0}{(1-x)^2 M^2 - s_0}$$

  – Only 1 free parameter

$$\lambda = \partial \log \Lambda^2 / \partial \log p^2\big|_{p^2 = M^2} \;=\; -2(\delta R_N / R_N)(\delta p^2 / M^2)$$

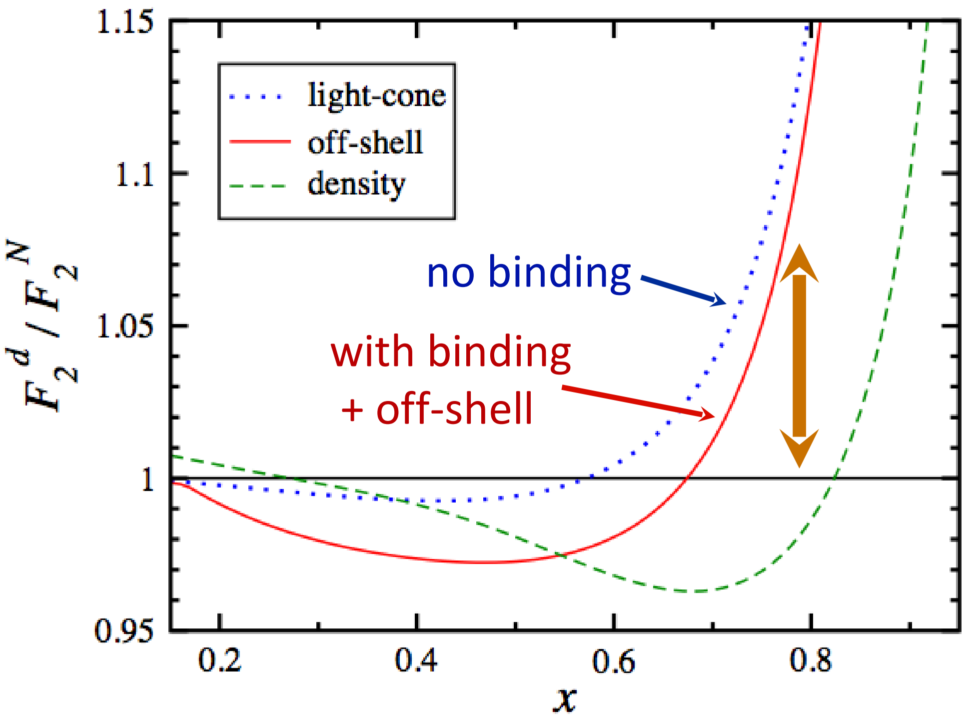
Physical interpretation:
nucleon size changes with p^2: $R_N \sim 1/\Lambda$

$$\delta p^2 = \langle p^2 - M^2 \rangle$$

$$\int d^4p (p^2 - M^2) \mathcal{S}_d(y)$$

Nuclear corrections

$$F_{2d}(x_B, Q^2) = \int_{x_B}^{A} dy\, \mathcal{S}_A(y,\gamma) F_2^{TMC+HT}(x_B/y, Q^2)\left(1 + \frac{\delta^{off} F_2(x)}{F_2(x)}\right)$$



- Using off-shell model, obtains *larger neutron* (larger *d*) than light-cone model
- But smaller *neutron* (larger *d*) than no nuclear effects or density model

The CTEQ-JLab *d/u* and $F_2(n)$

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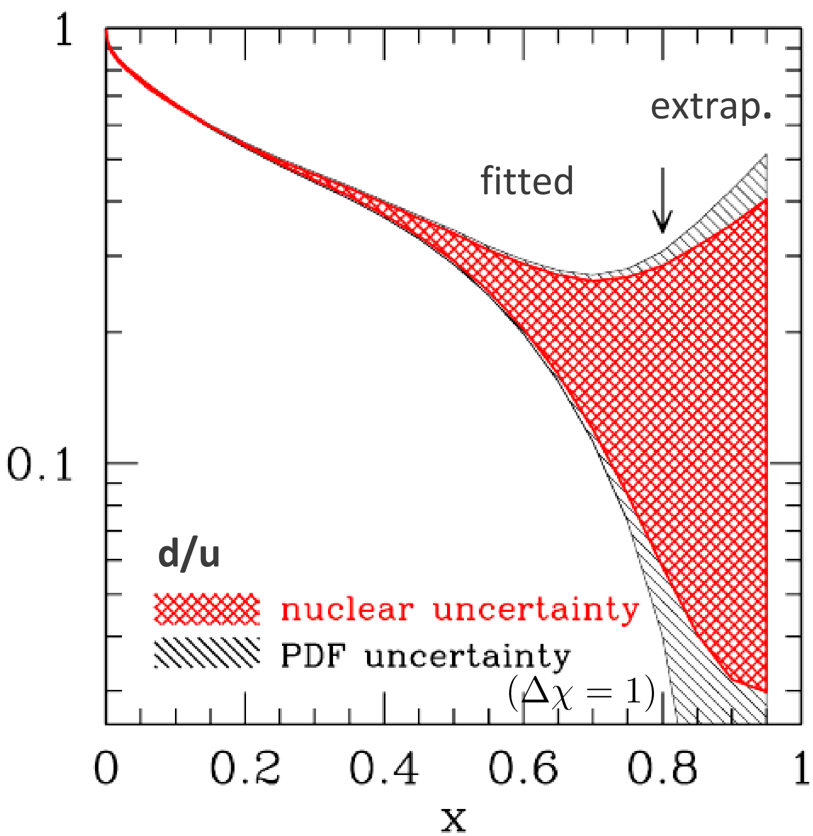
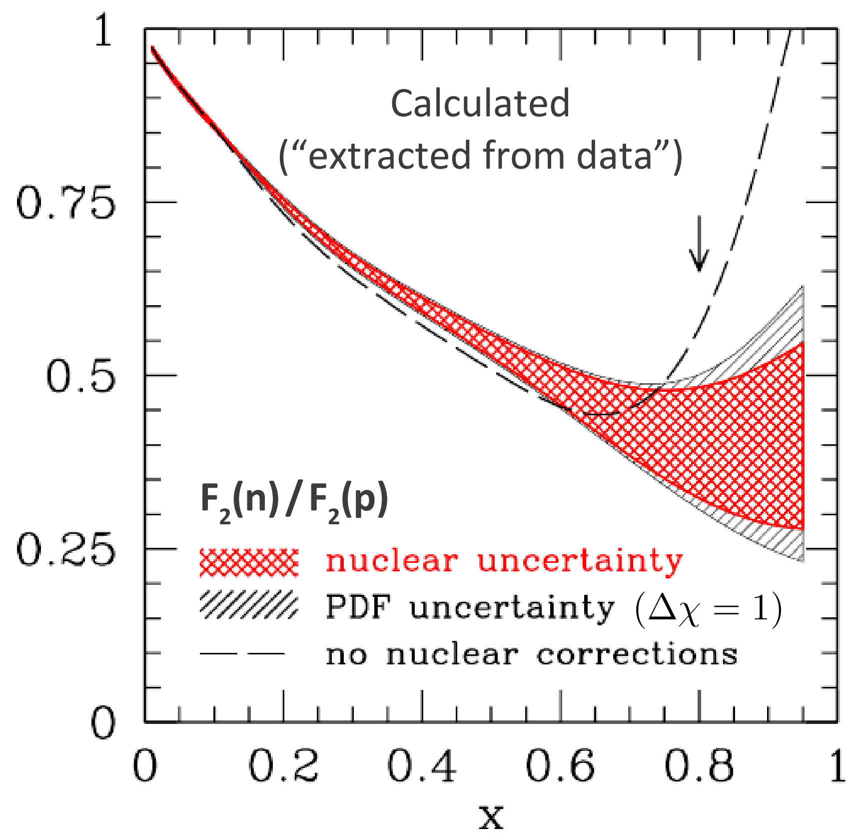
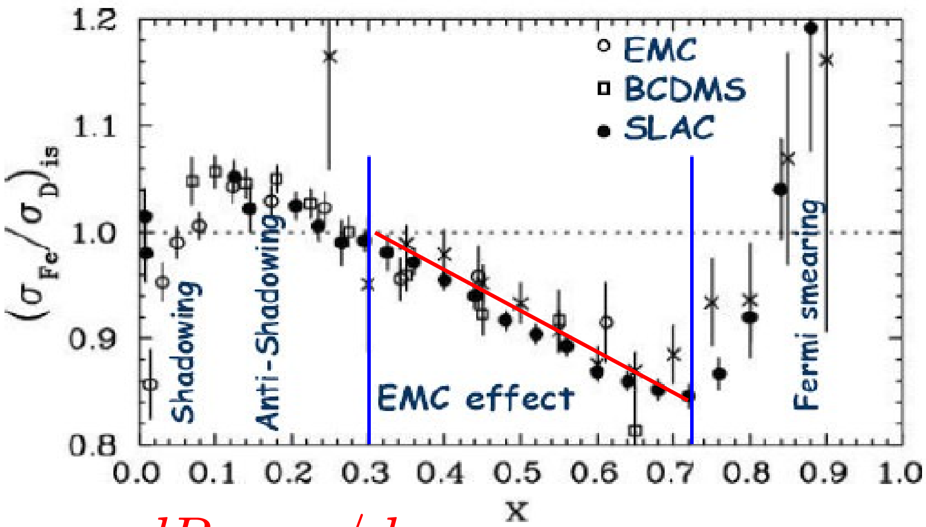




- Well behaved extrapolation for each nuclear model
  - however, beware of PDF "parametrization bias"
- But: **large nuclear uncertainty** (covers all theory predictions)

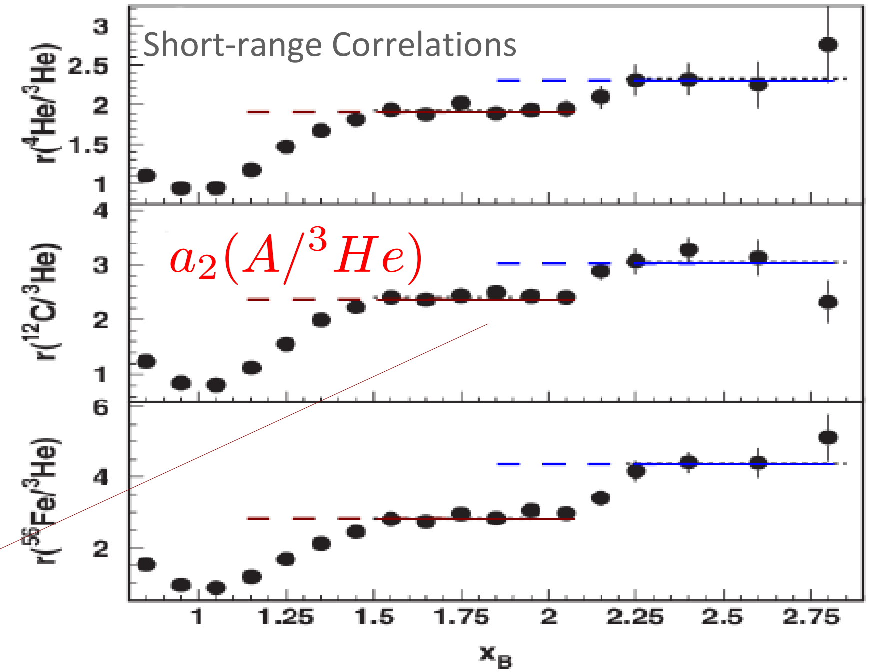
In the meantime… look at x>1

DIS at *x* < 1: partonic structure of hadrons



dR_{EMC}/dx

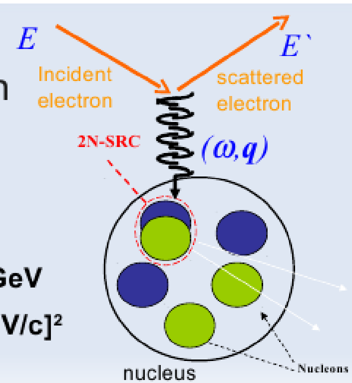
Inelastic at *x* > 1:
nucleonic structure of nuclei

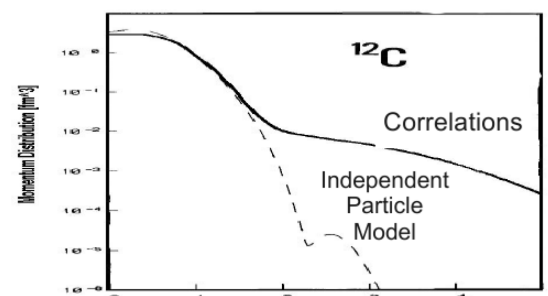


X_B counts the number of nucleons involved in the reaction

→ for X_B > j, at least j nucleons are involved in the reaction

Kinematical regime: **E , E' 3 - 5 GeV**
Q^2 2 - 3 [GeV/c]^2
0 ≤ X_B ≤ A

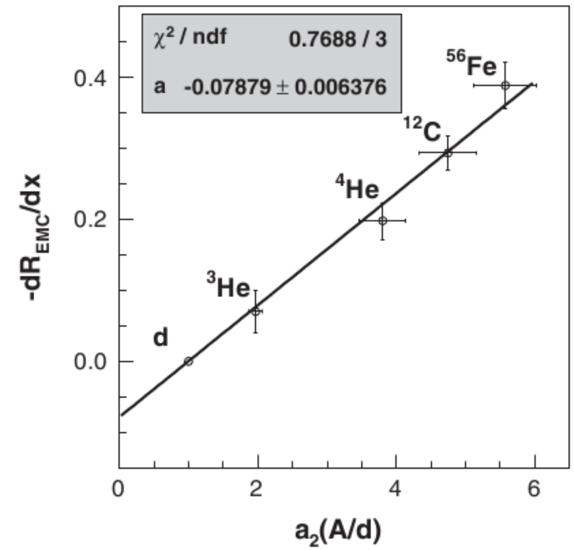


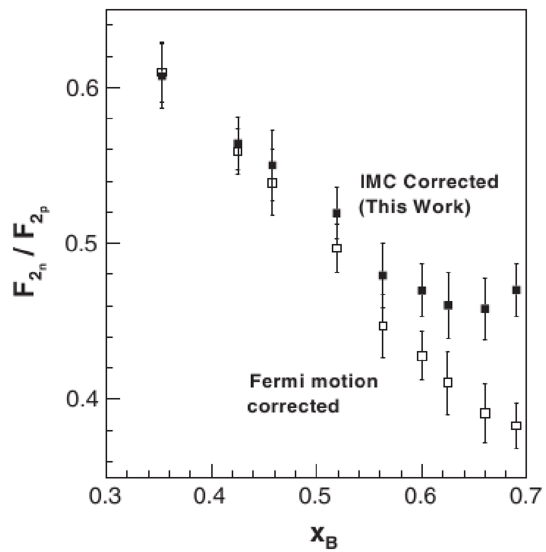


SRC/EMC correlation

Weinstein et al., PRL 106 (2011) 052301

- There is a definite correlation
- Why? Speculations...
  - Hard tail of nuclear w.f. shifts strength to higher *x*
  - Parton structure modified by short-range interaction
  - ...
- Will be studied experimentally
  - *e.g.*, is the EMC effect different when tagging a fast spectator?
  - the faster the more off-shell: p^2 dependence?
- Extrapolate to deuterium, extract $F_2(n)$





IMC constraints on deuteron corrections

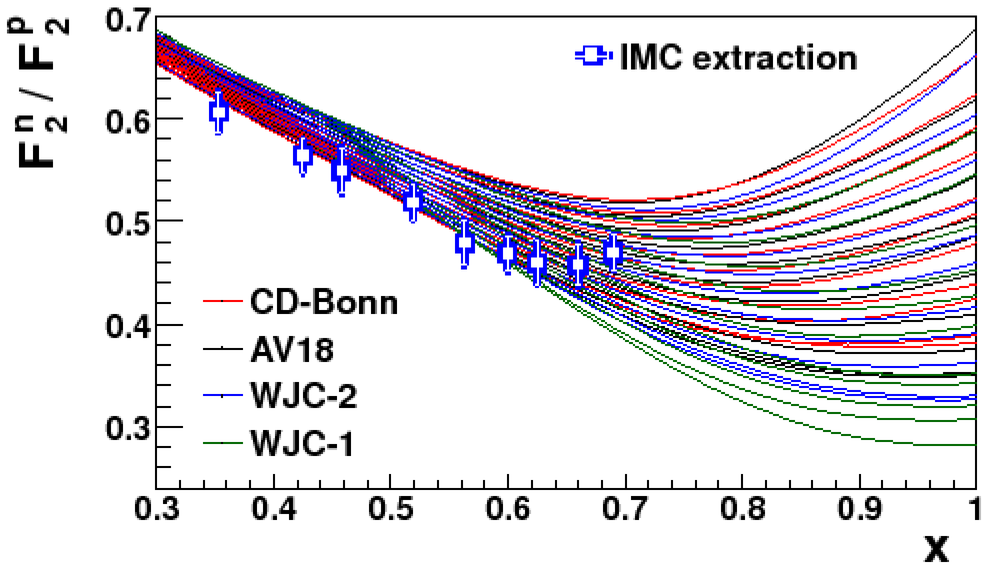
Hen, Accardi, Melnitchouk, Piasetzky, PRC 2012

- 4 wave-functions, 1 free off-shell parameter each

$$\lambda_{off} = -2\frac{\delta R}{R}\,\frac{\delta p^2}{p^2}$$

Bound nucleon swelling:
– model (Close et al. 1985) ~1.2%
– fits: 0–3% range

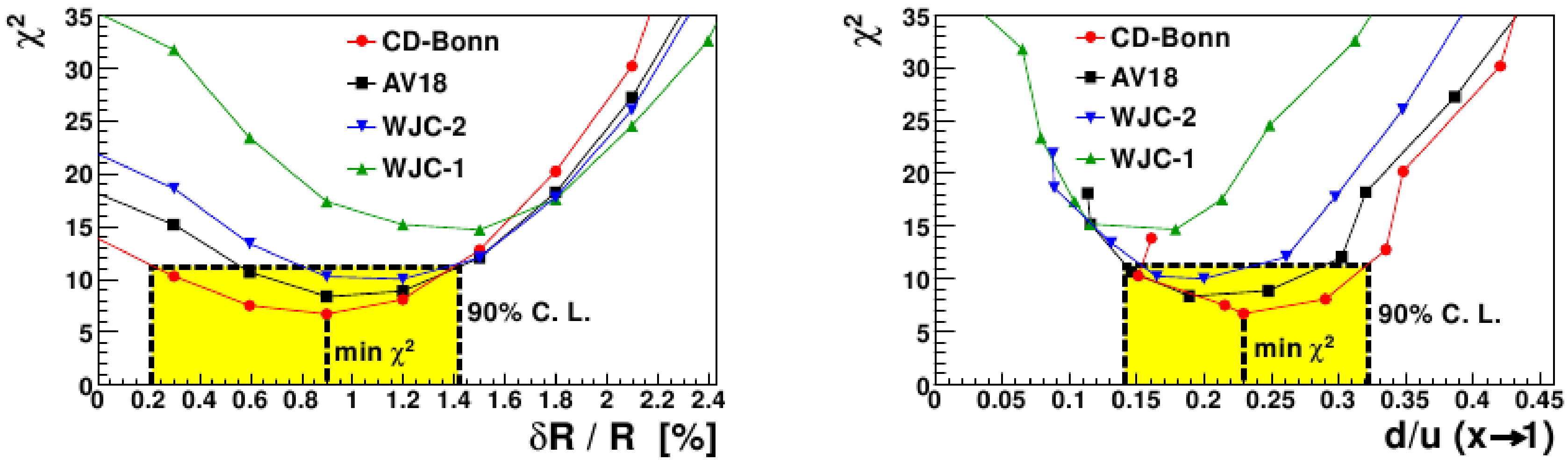
Average nucleon virtuality,
fixed by wave-function choice



IMC constraints on deuteron corrections

Hen, Accardi, Melnitchouk, Piasetzky, PRC to appear

- IMC extracted data constrains nuclear model, and *d/u* ratio
  - Treat choice of w.f. as a (continuous) free parameter



- Clearly indicates mild to medium off-shell corrections

$$\delta R/R = 0.2\% - 1.4\%$$

- Disfavors hard wave-functions such as WJC-1

- Excludes models based on
  - SU(6) symmetry
  - Scalar di-quark dominance

$$d/u \to 0.23 \pm 0.09$$

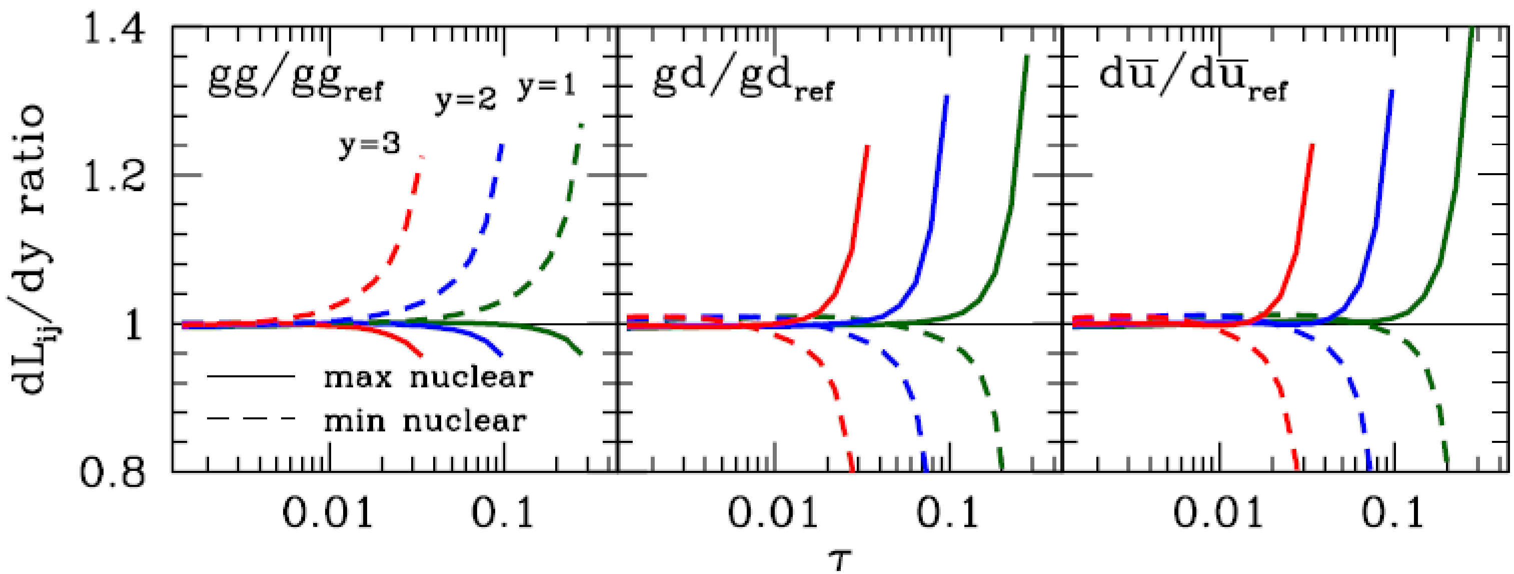
Parton luminosities

*Accardi et al. PRD **84**, 014008 (2011)*

- … or large rapidity:

$$x_{1,2} = \tau e^{\pm y} \qquad \tau = \sqrt{\hat{s}/s}$$

$$\frac{dL_{ij}}{dy} = \frac{1}{s(1+\delta_{ij})} \left[f_i(\tau e^{y}, \hat{s}) f_j(\tau e^{-}y, \hat{s}) + (i \leftrightarrow j) \right]$$



(Note: ratios are largely independent of *s*)